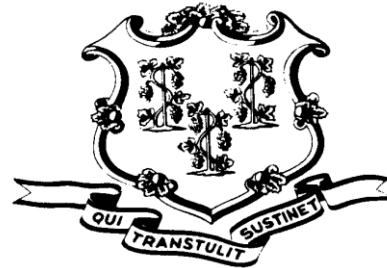


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Age and the extent of incarceration among male offenders released from prison in 2005



Presented

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Purpose

- OPM is preparing its next annual report on inmate recidivism in Connecticut.
- CJPPD is confident in its methodology for calculating recidivism rates, and since recidivism rates should not vary considerably from year to year, we continue to explore analysis that may shed new light on the state's offenders population.
- It is clear that identifying subtypes within the inmate population should allow the state to meet its mission more effectively and efficiently.
- This analysis is based an analysis of the sentence histories of 14,391 male sentenced offenders who were released or discharged from Connecticut prisons during 2005.

Compiling sentence histories

Because Connecticut has a unified prison system, summarizing records of incarceration can be extremely complicated since individual inmate data can exhibit a wide range of pathway permutations.

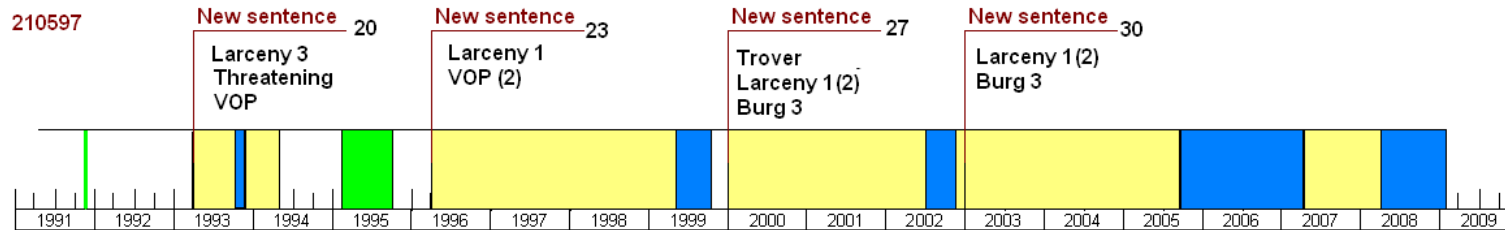
Two possible methods...

Sentence history based on	
Sentence ID number	Movement codes
increments by docket	counted by event
tends overstate the amount of separate prison terms	can undercount the extent of criminal history
Example: overlapping skid bids	Example: multiple convictions on a single day

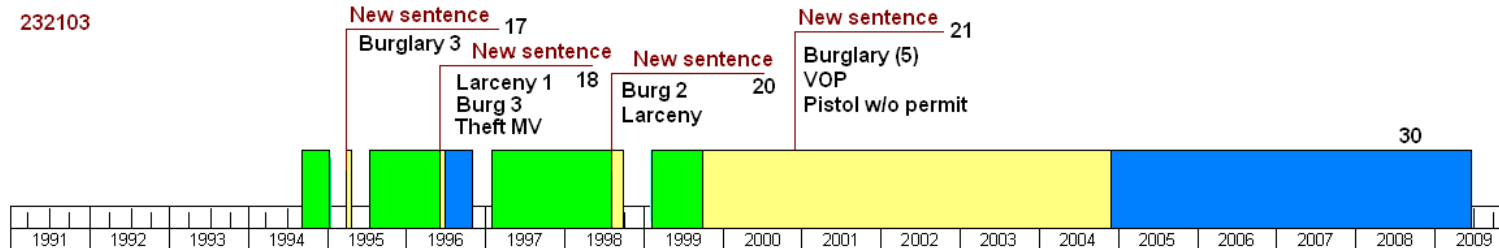
Three common examples

- **Offenders on community supervision: if a parolee commits a new offense and is returned to prison should a new sentence be counted in the analysis?**
- **Serial crimes – robberies, burglaries – may be recorded on a single docket which increment the sentence count but not the number of incarceration events.**
- **Should an extended term of incarceration be counted as an accused prisoner count? Overlapping short sentences that can be amassed at a quicker rate than the offender can discharge.**

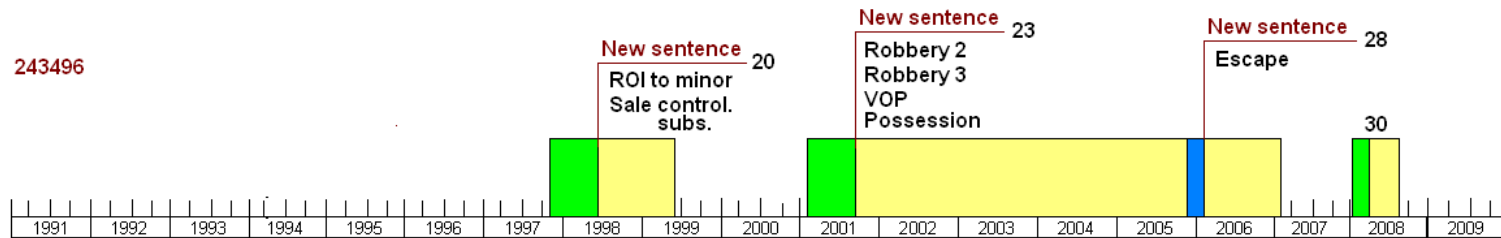
A range of pre-2005 sentence histories



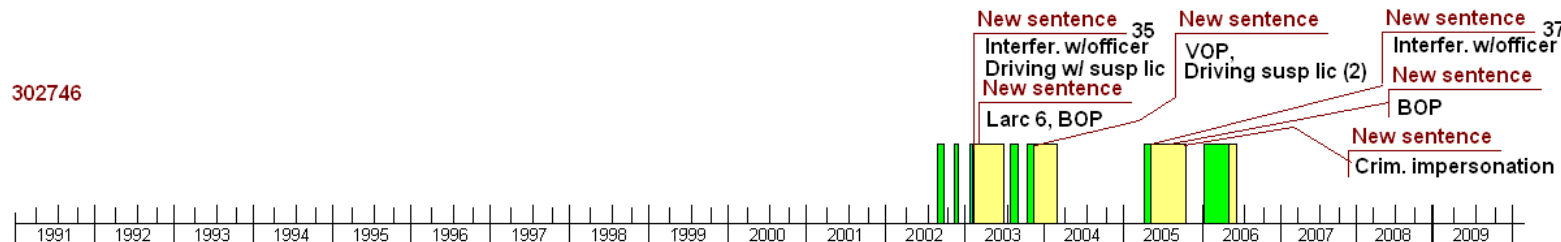
Prolonged
involvement
18 years



Prolonged
involvement
15 years

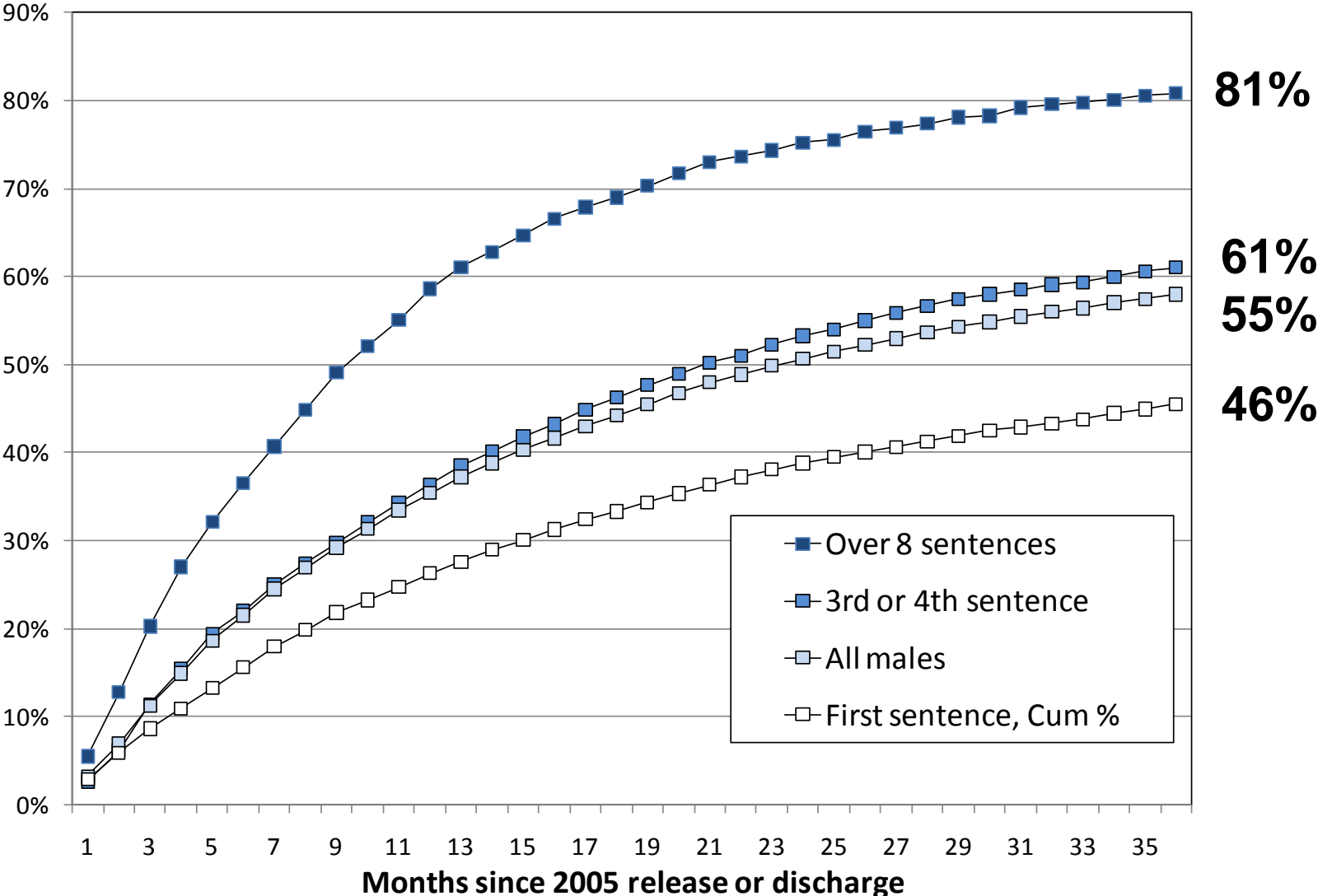


Intermediate
involvement
12 years

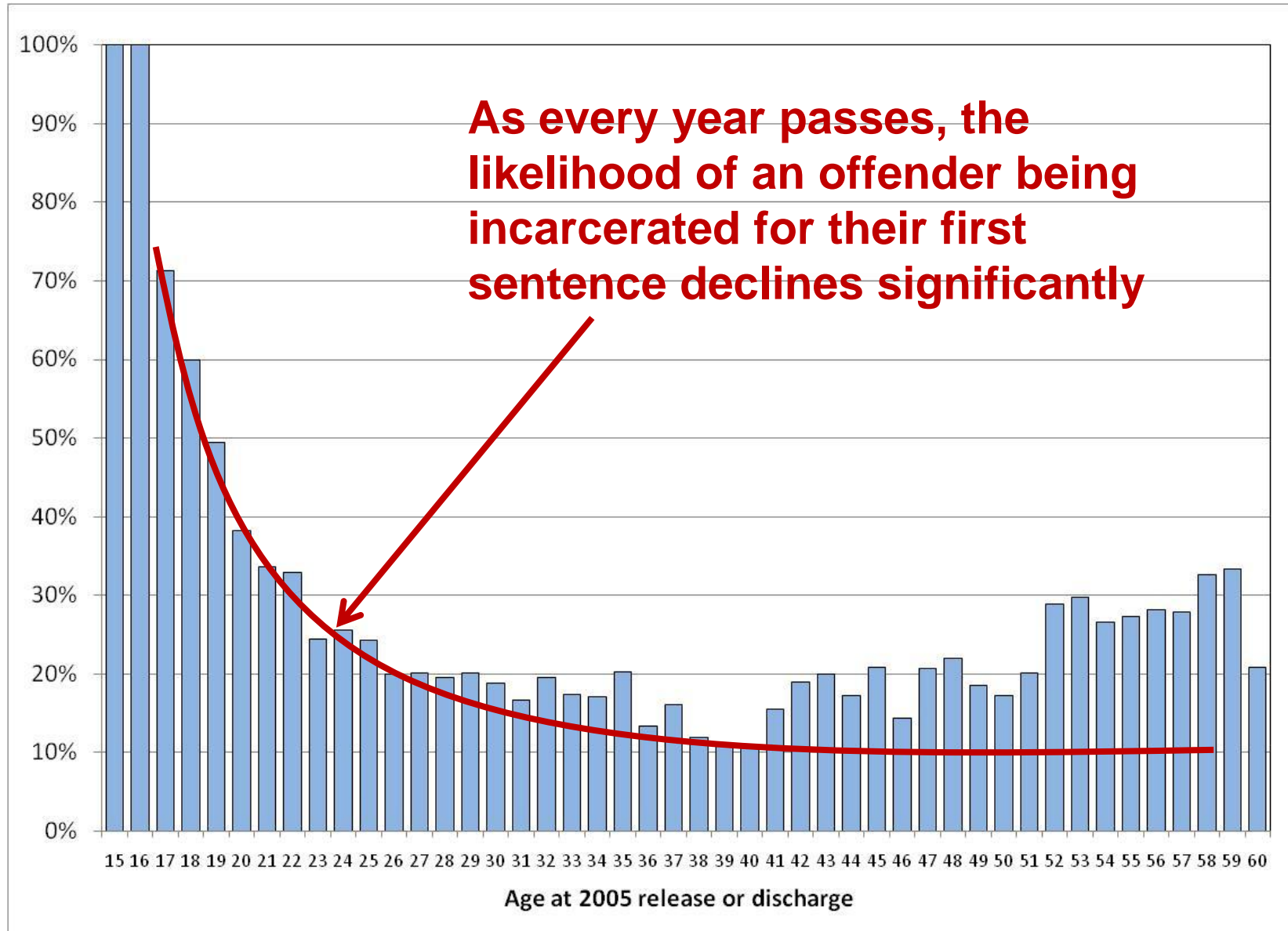


Short
involvement
4 years

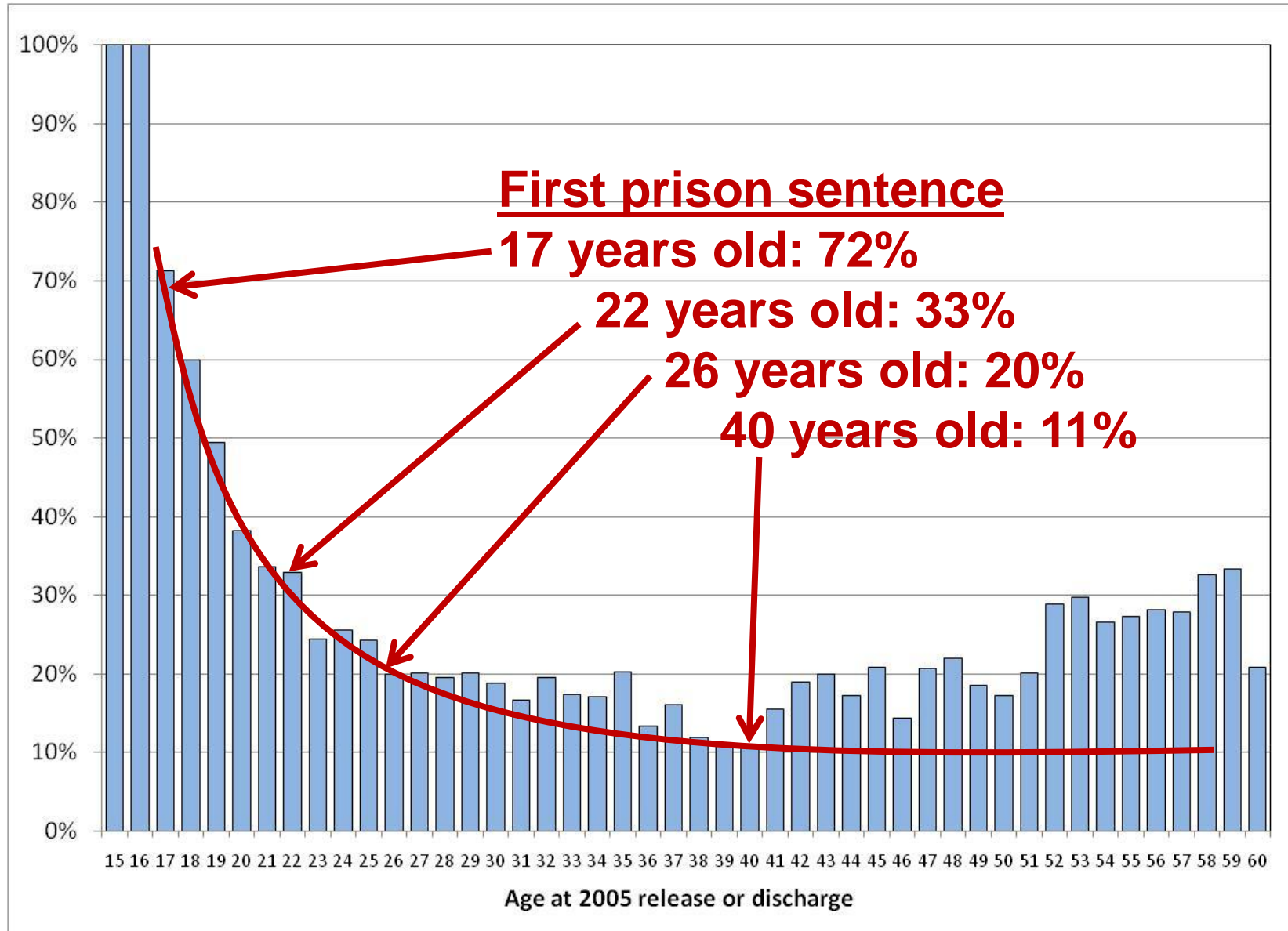
Recidivism by extent of imprisonment



Percent of males completing their first sentence, by age



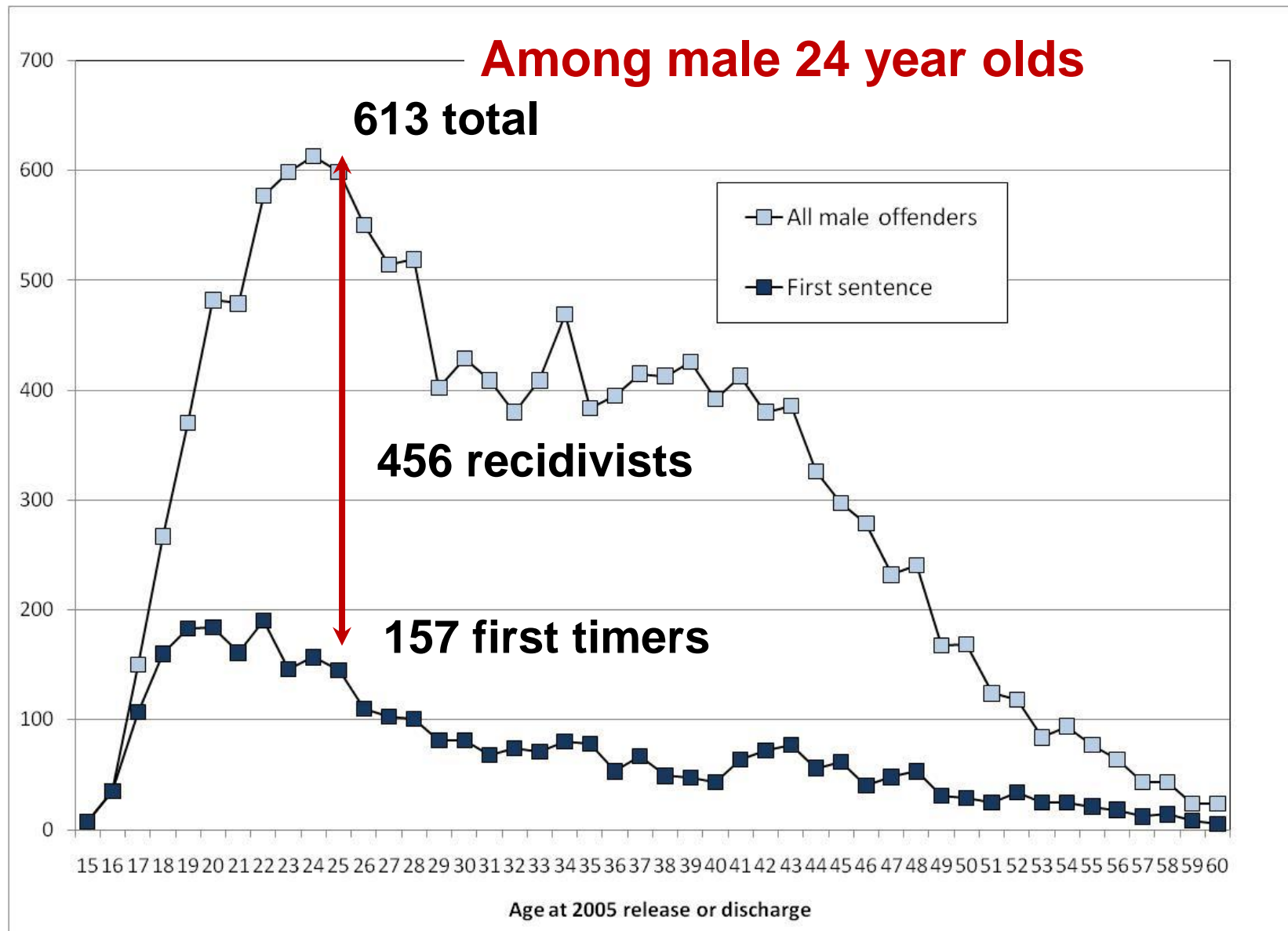
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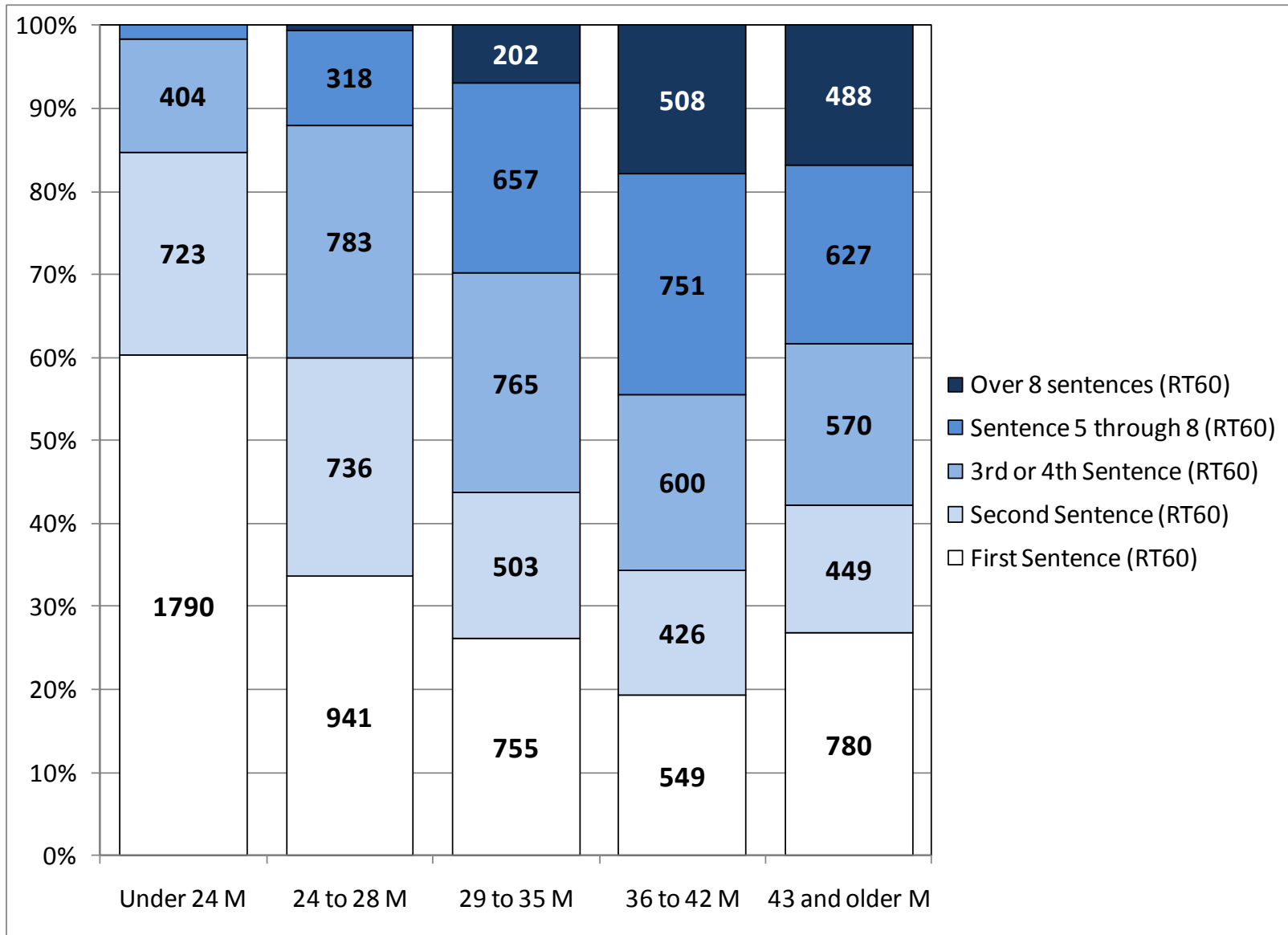
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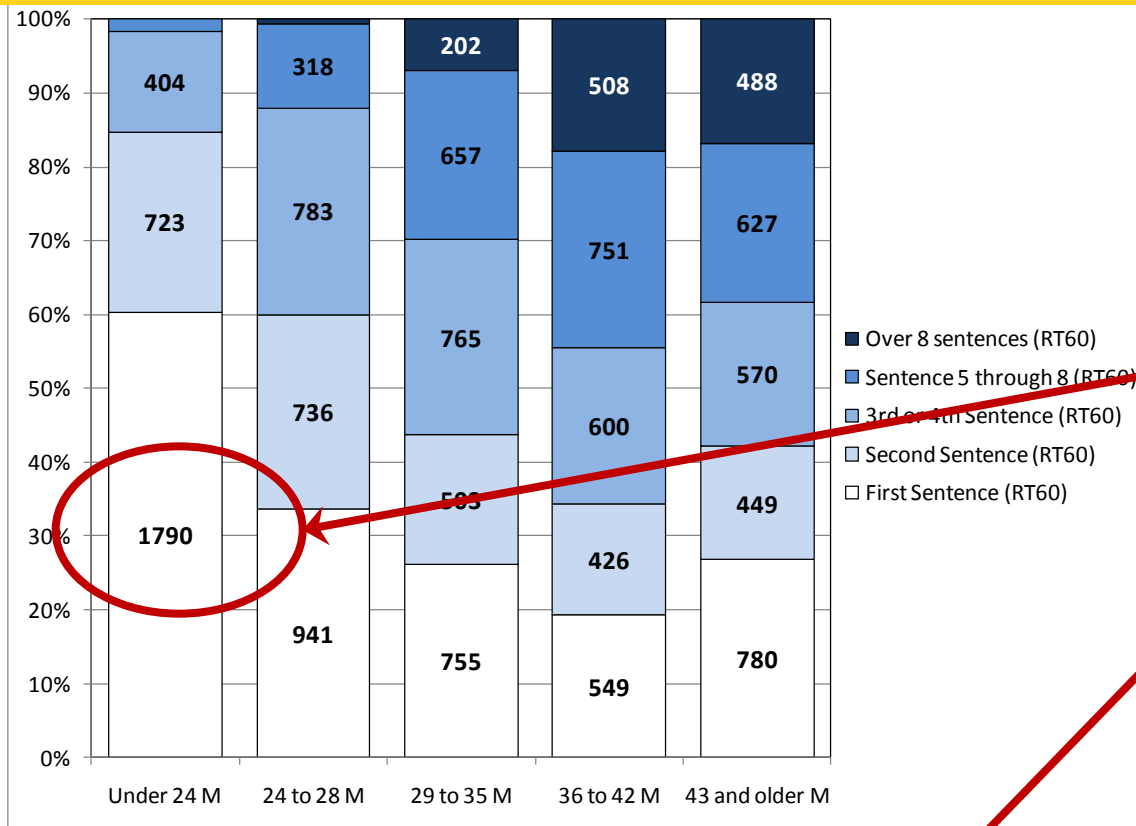
Age distribution of male offenders in 2005-release cohort



Considering the population subtypes



Young, first time offenders off the Sentence ID



The study also identified 1790 young first time offenders

	Under 24 M	24 to 28 M	29 to 35 M	36 to 42 M	43 and older M	Total cohort 2005	Percent of cohort
Male offenders, 2005 cohort	M	M	M	M	M		
First Sentence (RT60)	1790	941	755	549	780	4815	33%
Second Sentence (RT60)	723	736	503	426	449	2837	20%
3rd or 4th Sentence (RT60)	404	783	765	600	570	3122	22%
Sentence 5 through 8 (RT60)	49	318	657	751	627	2402	17%
Over 8 sentences (RT60)	0	17	202	508	488	1215	8%
Total	2966	2795	2882	2834	2914	14391	100%

Younger, first time offenders, offenses

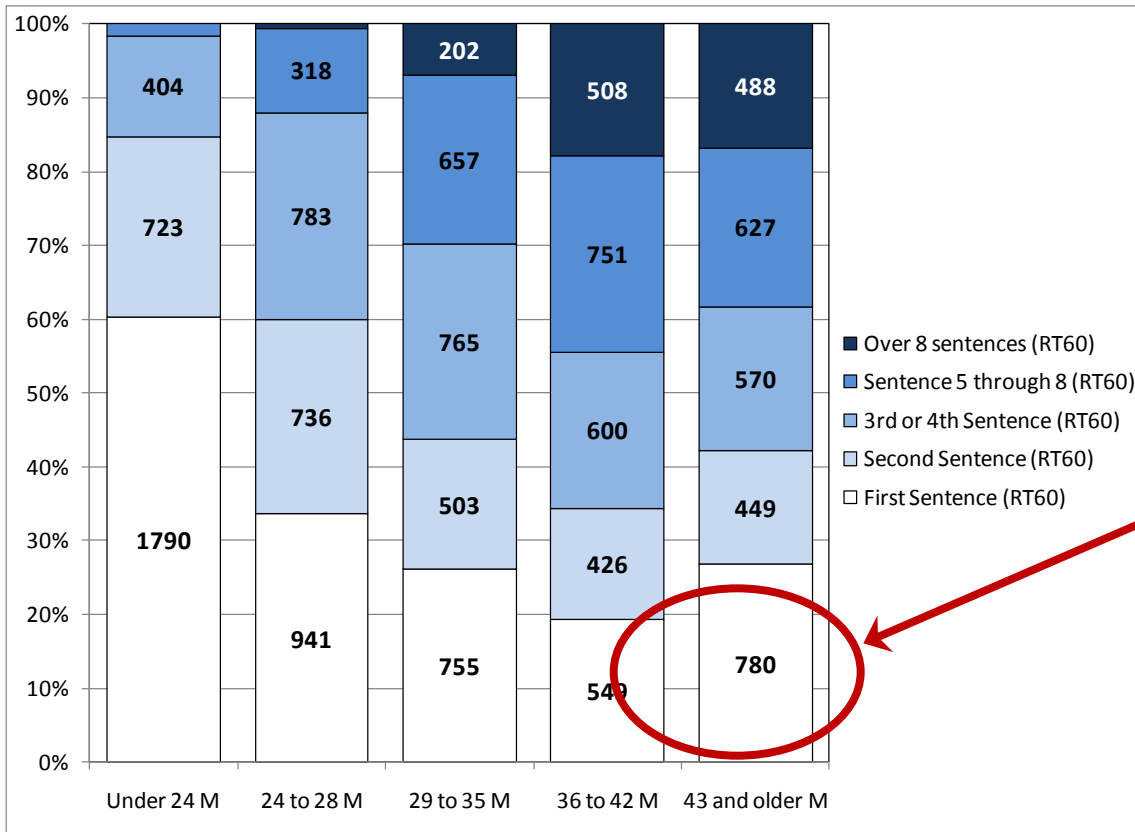
Rank	Offenses within 5 years of 2005 release	Freq. of offenses	Freq. %	Cum. %, Freq.
1	VIOLATION OF PROB OR COND DISCHARGE	488	12%	12%
2	SALE OF HALLUCIGEN/NARCOTIC SUBSTNC F	313	8%	20%
3	YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	243	6%	26%
4	BURGLARY, THIRD DEGREE DF	190	5%	30%
5	ASSAULT, THIRD DEGREE AM	157	4%	34%
6	CONSPIRACY	155	4%	38%
7	POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS F	150	4%	42%
8	OPERATING UNDER INFLU OF LIQ OR DRUG	145	4%	45%
9	POSSESS OF LT 4 OZ MJ OR CONTRLD SUB	128	3%	48%
10	FAILURE TO APPEAR, 2ND DEGREE AM	123	3%	51%
11	INTERFERING WITH AN OFFICER AM	119	3%	54%
12	LARCENY, THIRD DEGREE DF	116	3%	57%
13	SALE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE F	111	3%	60%
14	BREACH OF PEACE BM	87	2%	62%
15	OPER UNDER SUSP LIC OR REG M	78	2%	64%
16	ROBBERY, SECOND DEGREE CF	77	2%	66%
17	FAILURE TO APPEAR, 1ST DEGREE DF	68	2%	67%
18	LARCENY, SIXTH DEGREE CM	64	2%	69%
19	ASSAULT, SECOND DEGREE DF	61	1%	71%
20	ROBBERY, FIRST DEGREE BF	59	1%	72%
21	LARCENY, SECOND DEGREE CF	58	1%	73%
22	DRIVING WHILE LIC SUSPENDED FOR DWI	54	1%	75%
23	CARRYING OF WEAPONS WITHOUT PERMIT F	53	1%	76%
24	CRIMINAL ATTEMPT	42	1%	77%
25	THREATENING AM	38	1%	78%
26	CARRYING WEAPON IN A MOTOR VEHICLE F	36	1%	79%
27	SEX ASSAULT, SECOND DEGREE F	35	1%	80%
28	RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT 1ST DEGREE AM	35	1%	81%
29	ROBBERY, THIRD DEGREE DF	34	1%	81%
30	LARCENY, FOURTH DEGREE AM	32	1%	82%

1,790 older, first-time offenders were sentenced for 4,750 total offenses

These offenses were governed by 143 criminal statutes; the 30 most common accounted for 82%.

**Offenses:
DUI: 7%
Drugs: 18%
Larceny: 12%**

Older, first time offenders off the Sentence ID



The study identified 780 older- first time offenders

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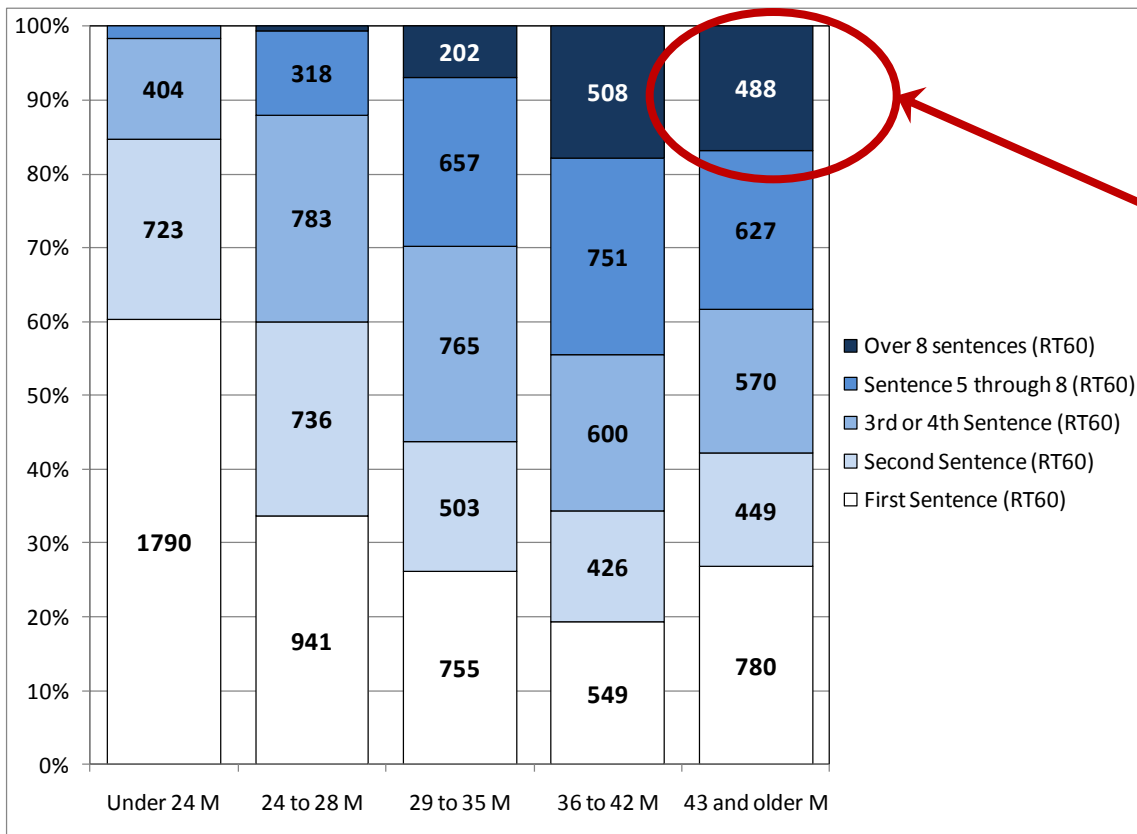
Rank	Offenses within 5 years of 2005 release	Freq. of offenses	Freq. %	Cum. %, Freq.
1	OPERATING UNDER INFLU OF LIQ OR DRUG	223	19%	19%
2	OPERATING UNDER INFL 2ND OFF	106	9%	28%
3	VIOLATION OF PROB OR COND DISCHARGE	91	8%	36%
4	DRIVING WHILE LIC SUSPENDED FOR DWI	64	6%	42%
5	SALE OF HALLUCIGEN/NARCOTIC SUBSTNC F	50	4%	46%
6	POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS F	37	3%	49%
7	ASSAULT, THIRD DEGREE AM	36	3%	52%
8	FAILURE TO APPEAR, 2ND DEGREE AM	36	3%	55%
9	OPER UNDER SUSP LIC OR REG M	35	3%	58%
10	CRIM VIOL OF PROTECTIVE ORD DF	26	2%	61%
11	BREACH OF PEACE BM	24	2%	63%
12	BURGLARY, THIRD DEGREE DF	23	2%	65%
13	INTERFERING WITH AN OFFICER AM	19	2%	66%
14	LARCENY, THIRD DEGREE DF	17	1%	68%
15	SALE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE F	17	1%	69%
16	LARCENY, SIXTH DEGREE CM	16	1%	71%
17	THREATENING AM	14	1%	72%
18	INJURY OR RISK OF INJURY TO MINOR F	14	1%	73%
19	FAILURE TO APPEAR, 1ST DEGREE DF	13	1%	74%
20	DISORDERLY CONDUCT CM	12	1%	75%
21	ASSAULT, SECOND DEGREE DF	12	1%	76%
22	CRIMINAL TRESPASS, FIRST DEGREE AM	11	1%	77%
23	EVADING RESPONSIBILITY	11	1%	78%
24	SEXUAL ASSAULT, 4TH DEGREE	11	1%	79%
25	CRIMINAL ATTEMPT	11	1%	80%
26	ASSAULT 2 WITH MV WHILE INTOXICATED DF	10	1%	81%
27	INJURY OR RISK OF INJURY TO MINOR F	10	1%	82%
28	POSSESS OF LT 4 OZ MJ OR CONTRLD SUB	9	1%	82%
29	LARCENY, FOURTH DEGREE AM	8	1%	83%
30	OPERATING UNDER INFL 3RD OFF	7	1%	84%

780 older, first-time offenders were sentenced for 1,162 total offenses

These offenses were governed by 110 criminal statutes; the 30 most common accounted for 84%.

**DUI-related charges ranked 1, 2, 4 & 9 (39% of offenses)
Drugs: 9%
Larceny: 5%**

Older, career offenders off the Sentence ID



The study also identified 488 older career offenders

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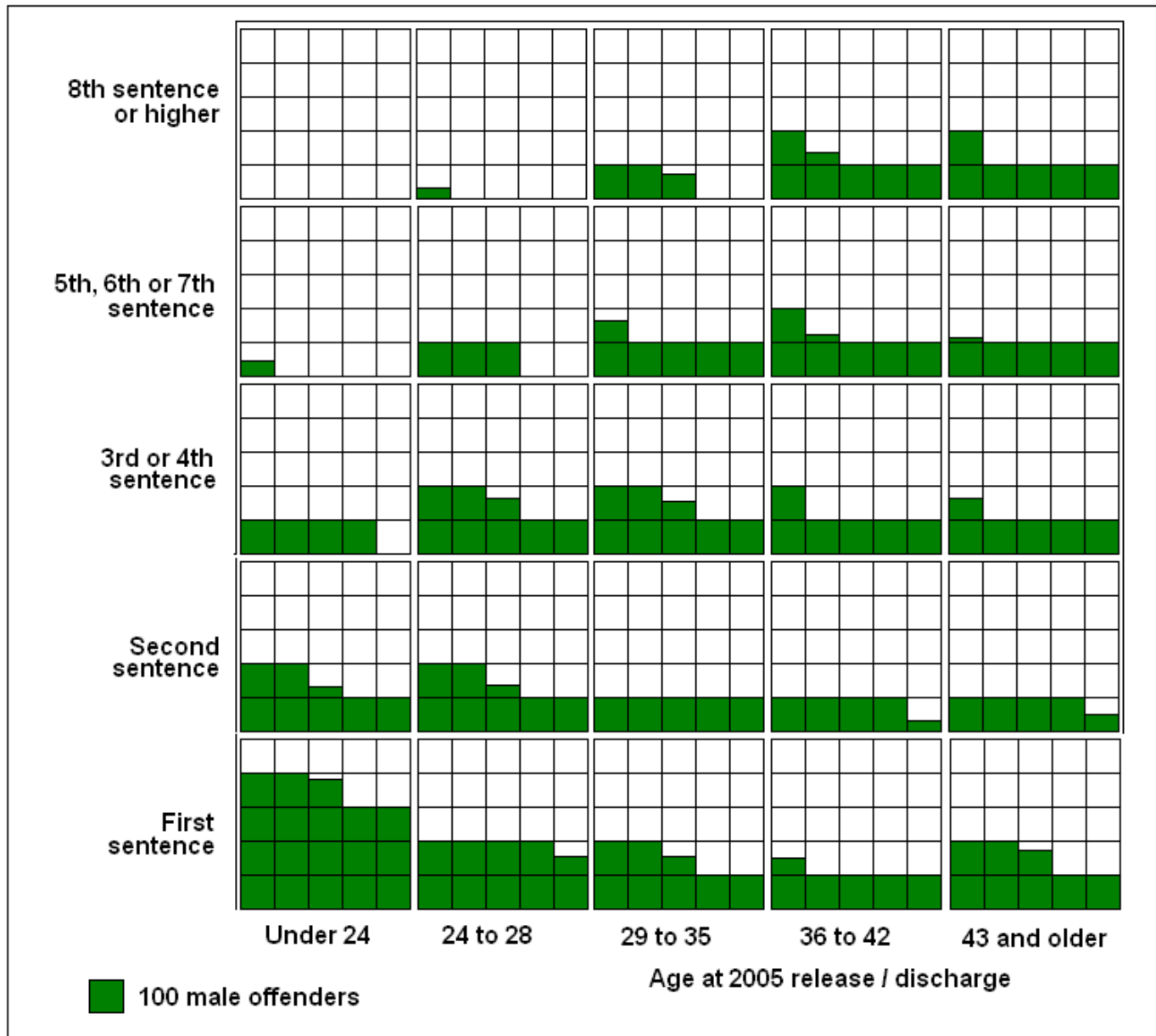
Rank	Offenses within 5 years of 2005 release	Freq. of offenses	Freq. %	Cum. %, Freq.
1	LARCENY, SIXTH DEGREE CM	276	12%	12%
2	FAILURE TO APPEAR, 2ND DEGREE AM	169	7%	19%
3	POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS F	165	7%	26%
4	VIOLATION OF PROB OR COND DISCHARGE	160	7%	33%
5	BURGLARY, THIRD DEGREE DF	141	6%	39%
6	BREACH OF PEACE BM	112	5%	44%
7	OPER UNDER SUSP LIC OR REG M	78	3%	47%
8	CRIMINAL TRESPASS, FIRST DEGREE AM	77	3%	51%
9	ASSAULT, THIRD DEGREE AM	70	3%	54%
10	LARCENY, FIFTH DEGREE BM	67	3%	57%
11	INTERFERING WITH AN OFFICER AM	67	3%	60%
12	LARCENY, THIRD DEGREE DF	63	3%	62%
13	LARCENY, FOURTH DEGREE AM	56	2%	65%
14	SALE OF HALLUCIGEN/NARCOTIC SUBSTNC F	56	2%	67%
15	DISORDERLY CONDUCT CM	50	2%	69%
16	DRIVING WHILE LIC SUSPENDED FOR DWI	44	2%	71%
17	FAILURE TO APPEAR, 1ST DEGREE DF	43	2%	73%
18	CRIMINAL ATTEMPT	42	2%	75%
19	OPERATING UNDER INFLU OF LIQ OR DRUG	37	2%	76%
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23	ESCAPE, 1ST DEGREE CF	25	1%	81%
24	ROBBERY, THIRD DEGREE DF	25	1%	82%
25	OPERATING UNDER INFL 3RD OFF	22	1%	83%
26	PROHIB ACTS RE: DRUG PARAPHERNALIA CM	18	1%	84%
27	LARCENY, SECOND DEGREE CF	18	1%	85%
28	USING MOTOR VEHICLE W/O PERMISSION	17	1%	85%
29	BURGLARY, SECOND DEGREE CF	16	1%	86%
30	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, THIRD DEGREE BM	16	1%	87%

488 older, career offenders were sentenced for 2,320 total offenses

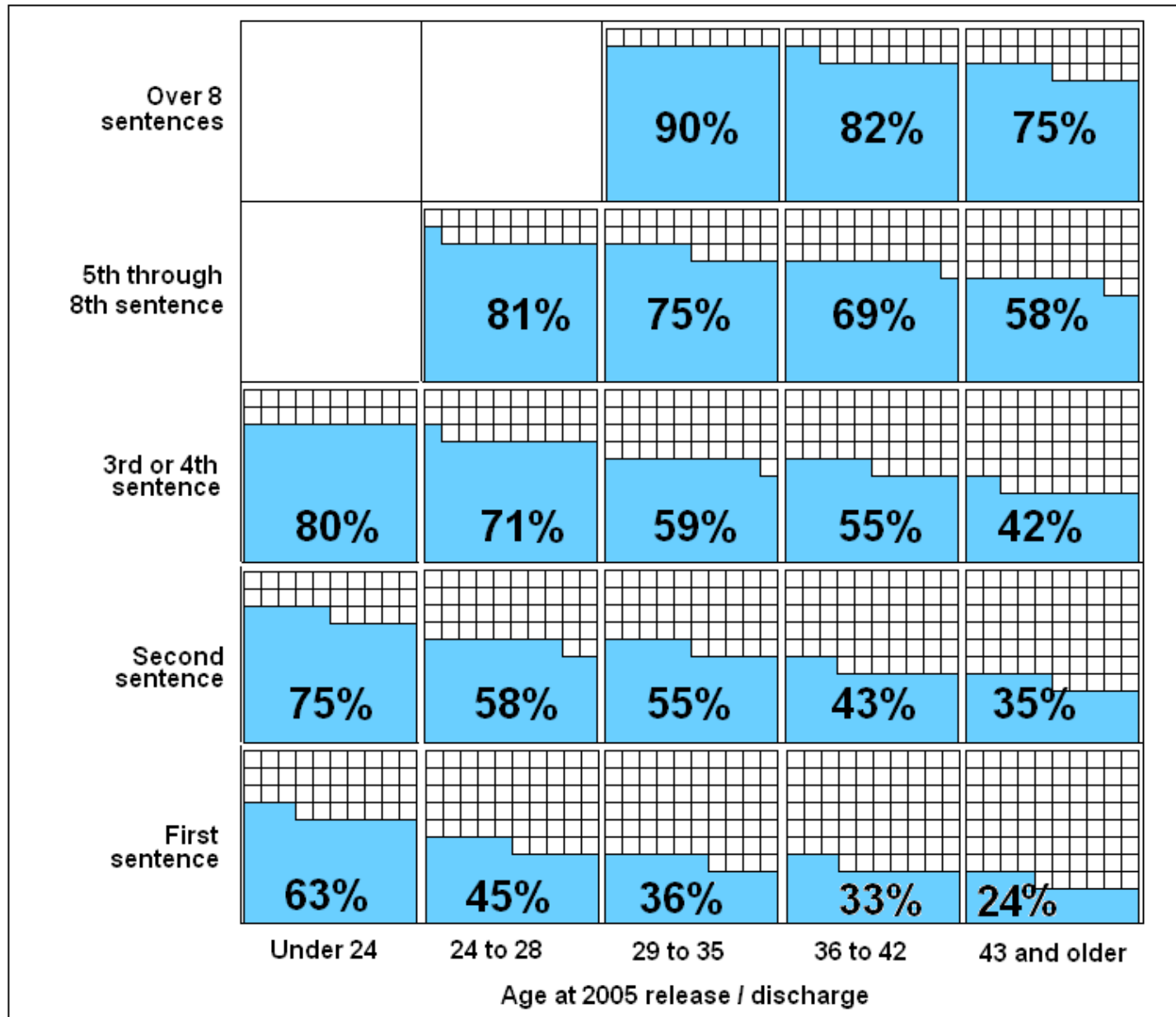
Although drug and alcohol crimes are present, for these offenders, larceny is ranked #1

**Offenses:
DUI: 9%
Drugs: 10%
Larceny: 30%**

Age group by extent of sentence history (RT60)



Recidivism rate (returning to prison) within 3 years



Findings

- **Youth and sentence history are both important predictors of high recidivism risk.**
- **Most male prisoners (67%) who were released or discharged from prison in 2005 had served a prior term of incarceration as a sentenced offender in a Connecticut prison.**
- **Men, under the age of 24, completing their first sentence were the largest group of male offenders released or discharged during 2005. 63% of these young men were returned to prison within three years of their release.**
- **Male offenders, over the age of 42, had the lowest recidivism rate among all males released in 2005. Only 24% of these men were returned to prison. Many of these offenders were incarcerated for DUI-related offenses.**

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